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- (c) determining if said second information is consistent with said first information;
- (d) using a favourable result of said determination of consistence said second information being determined as consistence with said first information as a pre-condition for permitting use of said software desired to be protected on said second processing apparatus, with said "installation" pre-condition not being met;

thereafter, said sub-method being capable of being used on a processing apparatus, say, third processing apparatus, without causing any user responsible operation(s) being performed therefor and with no a step relating to a new user payment therefor.

Claim 21 (currently amended) A method for verifying identity of a user of a data processing apparatus, comprising the steps of :

- receiving, by said data processing apparatus, information specific to a said user and necessary for accessing are a financial account of said user;
- verifying said account being valid, by a electronic transaction system, by use of said information received by said data processing apparatus;
- verification said account being determined as valid as a pre-condition for providing user access to at least a part of the functionality of said data processing apparatus;

wherein said eteps a) to c) are method is being performed without charging said account and said at least a part of functionality being not related to said validity status of said account.

Claim 22 (currently amended) A software product comprising computer code for causing one or more processing apparatus to perform the method of claim 1, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 or 21;

eald computer code existing in a computer readable medium <u>having said</u> computer code.